Vacuum RF Studies in the MuCool Test Area

All Experimenters Meeting

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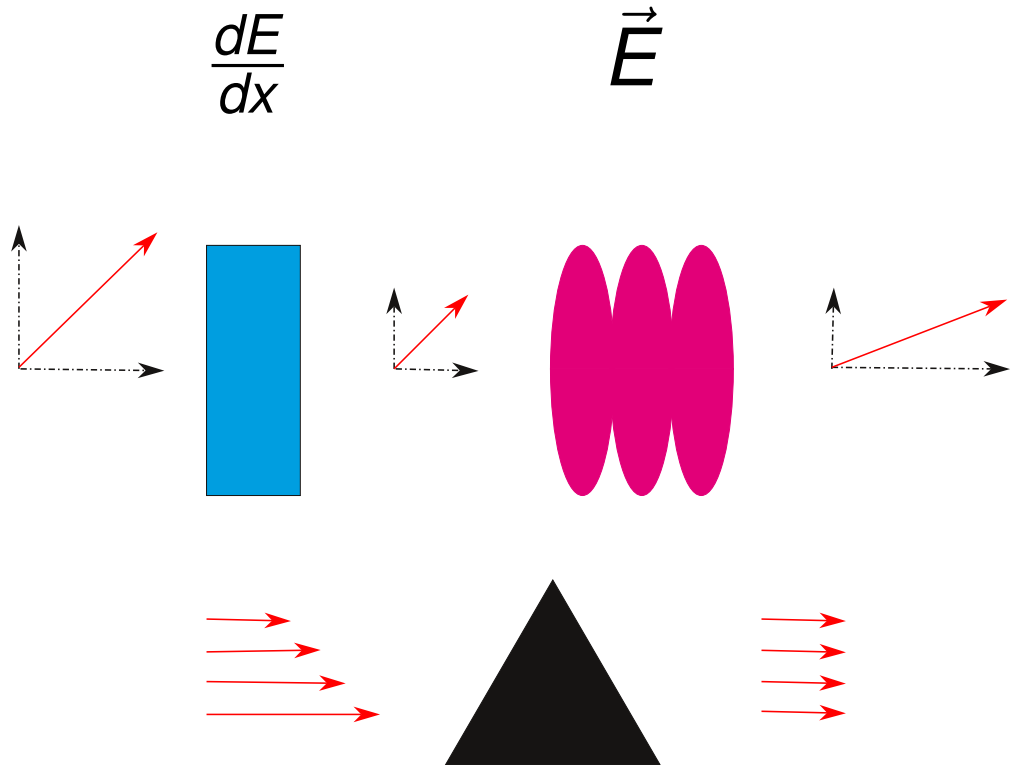

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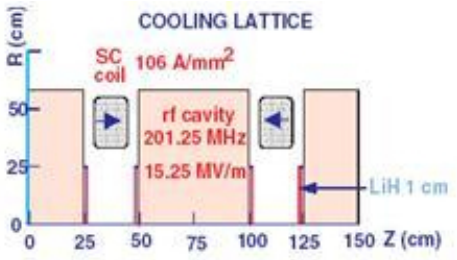

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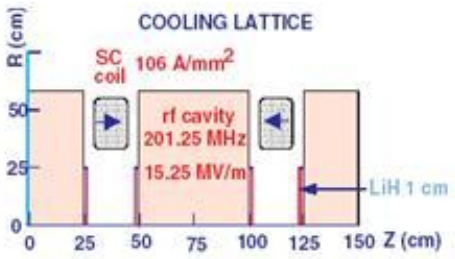

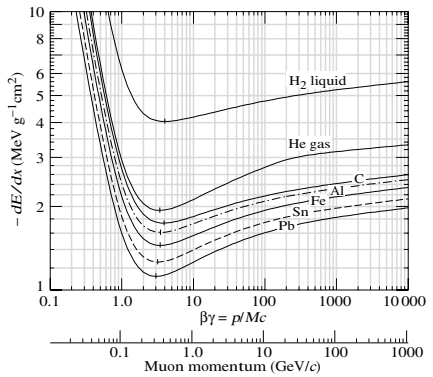

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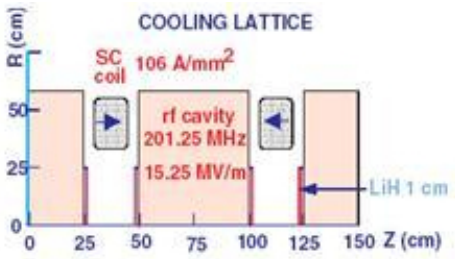

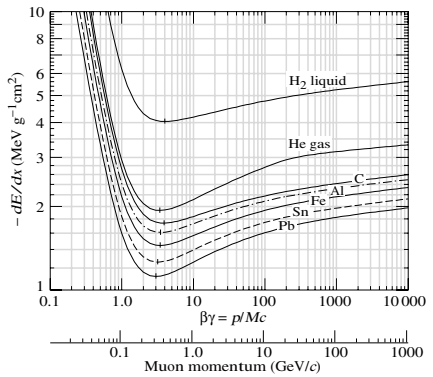

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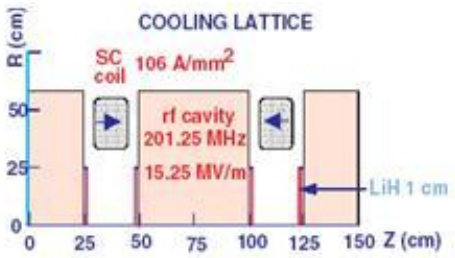

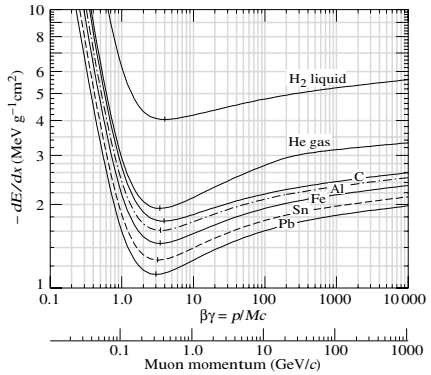

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MuCool Test Area (MTA) – http://mice.iit.edu/mta/

Dedicated facility at the end of the Linac built to address MuCool needs



- RF power (13 MW at 805 MHz, 4.5 MW at 201 MHz)
- Superconducting magnet (5 T solenoid)
- Large coupling coil under construction
- 805 and 201 MHz cavities
- Radiation detectors
- Cryo plant (commissioned this year)
- 400 MeV p beamline (commissioned to upstream of hall)

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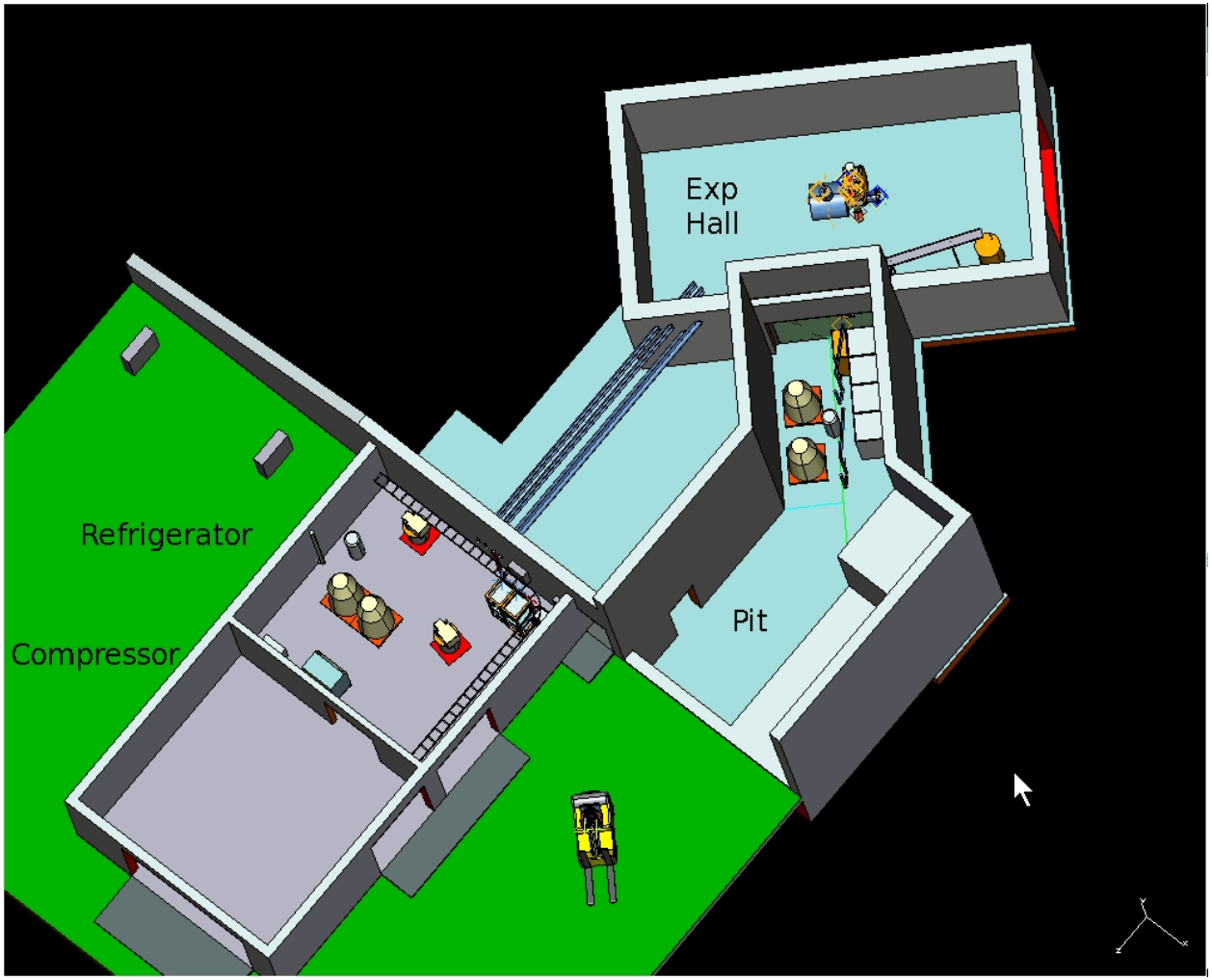

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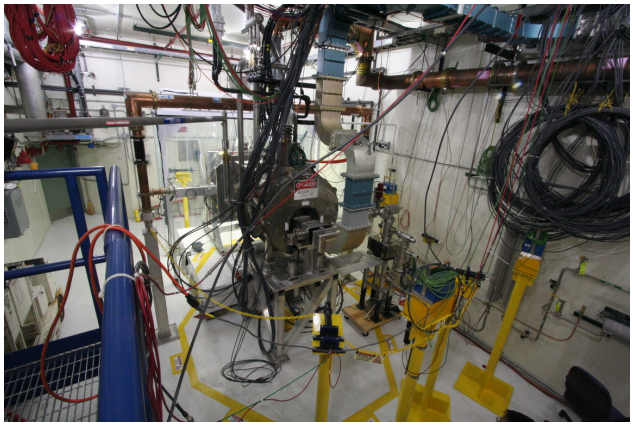

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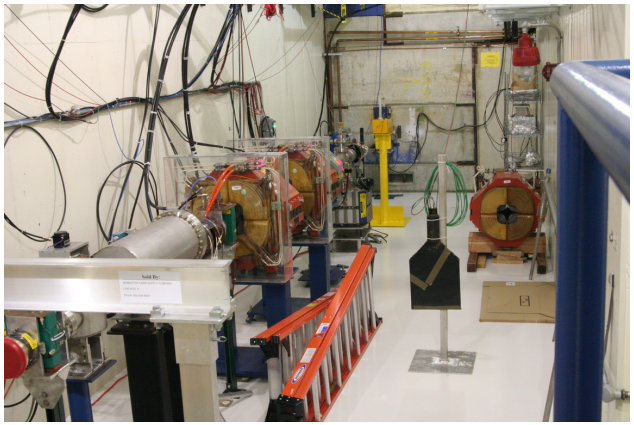

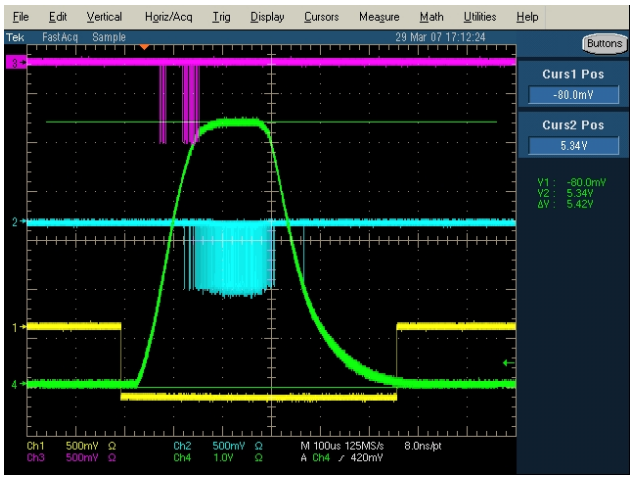

X-rays at high gradient

Compressor Room

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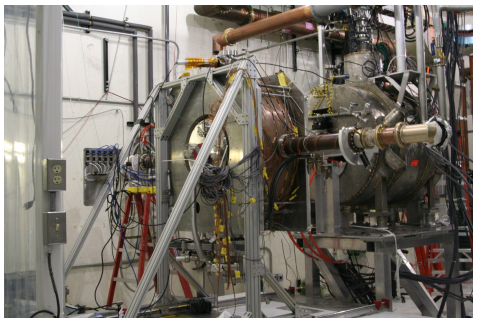

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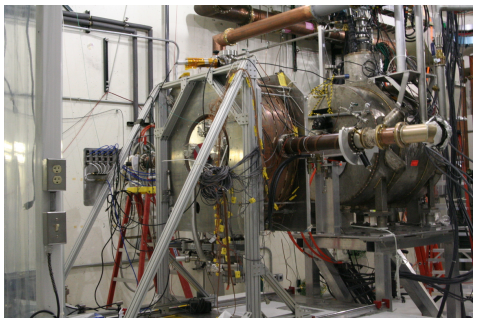

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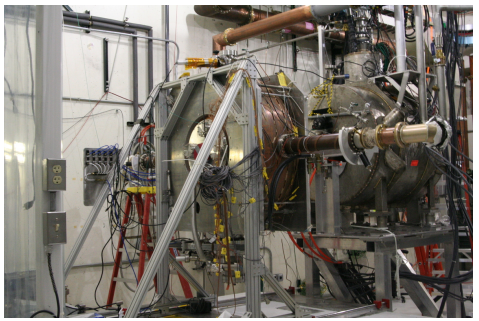

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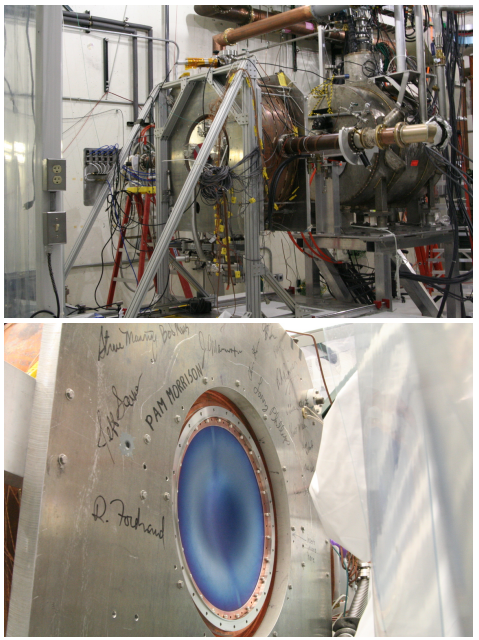

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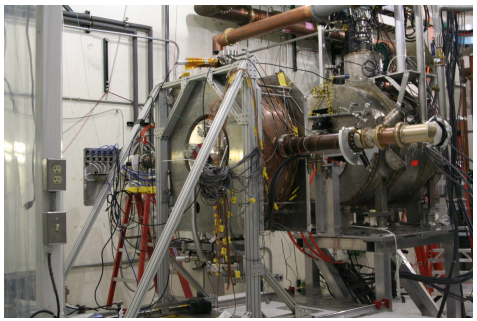

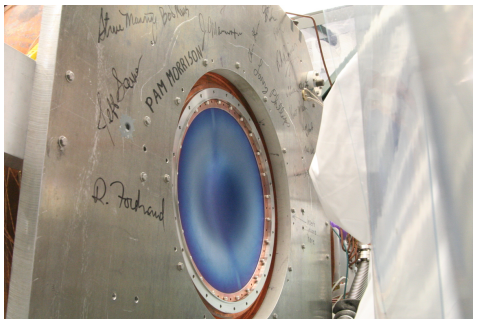

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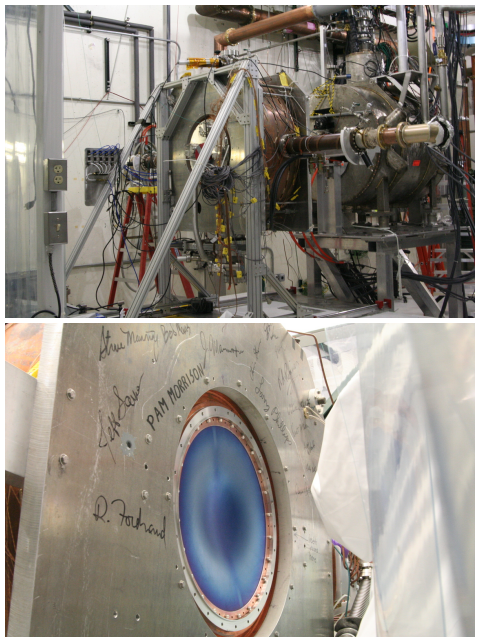

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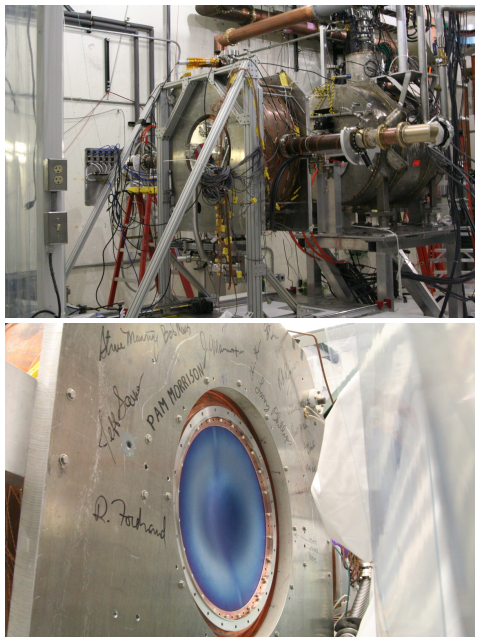

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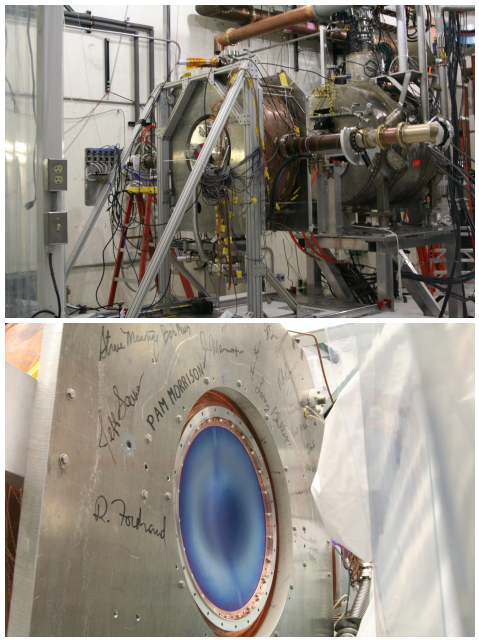

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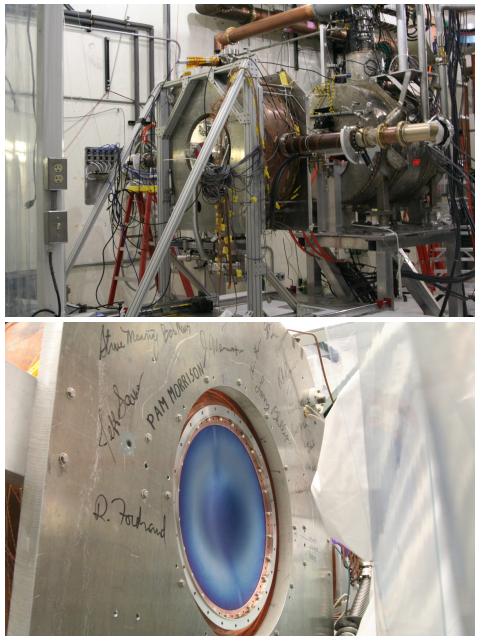

Effect of Magnetic Field

- External magnetic fields can significantly modify the performance of rf cavities by deflecting electrons coming off the surface at fiel d emission sites and/or any plasma cloud that might form near the surface
- When $\vec{B}_{ext} \parallel \vec{E}_{rf}$, electrons can ride magnetic field lines between the accelerating gap and cause damage due to the focused current density
- When $\vec{B}_{ext} \perp \vec{E}_{rf}$, electrons can be deflected into grazing angles to the surface before being accelerated
- Must develop understanding to mitigate problem in cooling channel designs
- Need experimental data with $\vec{B}_{ext} \perp \vec{E}_{rf}$
- Also want to study the effect as a function of angle between fields
- Rectangular geometry chosen for test cavity to allow fast fabrication and simplify analysis

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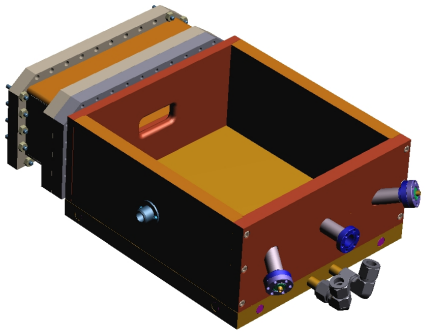
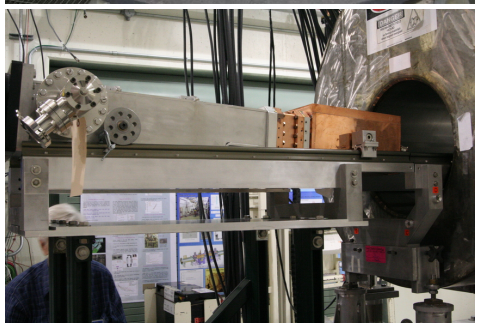
Box Cavity

- Interior dimensions: 276.5 x 250 x 123.8 mm
- Made of 101 OFE copper plates
- Attached in two hydrogen brazing cycles
- Support system designed to rotate cavity pivoting around magnet center by up to 12^o
- Rectangular coupling aperture with rounded edges and a coupling cell built to match the power coupler to waveguide
- Three CF flange tubes for rf pickups and optical diagnostics
- $f_0 = 805.341$ MHz, $Q_0 = 27.9 \times 10^3$, coupling factor 0.97





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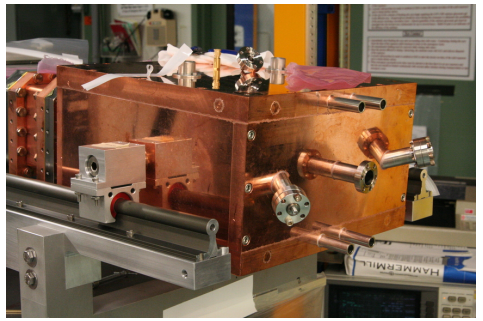
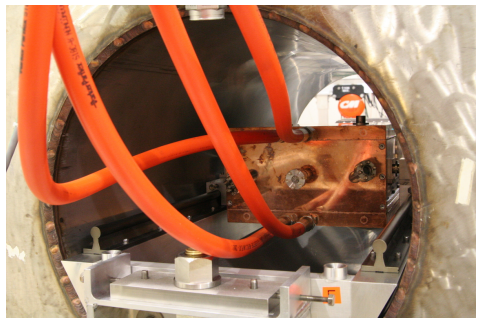
Box Cavity

- RF design by Al Moretti, support system Joel Misek *et al.*, fabrication Jim Wilson, initial assembly in A0
- Automated control program Ajit Kurup, optical diagnostics Moses Chung
- Operating in the MTA magnet since mid-March
  - Commissioned to 40MV/m at B=0
  - Took data at 0, ± 1, 3, 4^o wrt B axis (3T)
  - Large effect seen at 3-4^o (stable gradient down to about 25MV/m)
  - Some degradation even at 1^o
  - Visual inspection of interior, no spark damage
  - RF and optical signals during sparks saved for analysis





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Outlook

- 805 MHz rectangular box cavity program to be completed soon and provide insight into effect of magnetic field
- 805 MHz pillbox cavity will be running again to study breakdown resistance of different surfaces using buttons
  - Be
  - ALD coating
- 201 MHz pillbox cavity to be tested again
- High pressure RF tests to continue (with beam when available) (Yonehara AEM talk)
- We hope to demonstrate a viable solution to RF in magnetic field for muon cooling within the next couple of years